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## SGA works to make community safer



Telecia Taylor photo

A few friendly University Police Officers patrol campus in an effort to make students feel safer in their home away from home.

By Alex Ruoff  
Staff Writer

The SGA has joined with local law enforcement, city officials and SU administration to form new safety initiatives in reaction to a recent student survey.

The survey, distributed by the

SGA, showed a growing concern among students about off-campus safety and city crime. Of 200 students surveyed, 63 percent do not feel safe in the city of Salisbury, 55 percent do not feel safe walking home from campus at night and 54 percent do not feel protected by local police. 83 students

have had some interaction with local police. 57 percent of them said they had solely negative experiences. According to the survey, students living on campus are significantly less concerned about safety than those living off campus.

"At the time of the survey, I had already been involved in campus safety, but I didn't realize that the problem was this bad," said SGA president Lili Afkhami. "These are serious issues and have been addressed seriously."

Students living off campus have a number of issues with off campus safety, ranging from theft to violent crime protection.

"There are certain places that I just don't like going to," said junior Jen Happold. "I live in a house off campus and worry about break-ins after hearing about so many that happened in student apartments."

The SGA has met with community members, the faculty senate, students and local enforcement leaders to discuss solutions. The SGA stressed community building and wants to combine school services with police procedure.

Afkhami said students are not taking full advantage of school safety courtesies like University Police's escort services, which give students rides home, and Saferide. She also hopes local law enforcement will embrace these services as well.

"When a party gets dispersed we want the police to call Saferide so

everybody gets home safely," Afkhami said. "The Fruitland police have proven that it cuts down on accidents. Our goal is for everyone to be safer."

The SGA-sponsored Safety Awareness Day last week provided students with safety tips like how to protect your property while away for break, safety notices and electric timers.

Vice President of Student Affairs Ellen Neufeldt and the Students for a Safer Community, a group dedicated to improving off campus safety, have been working with local landlords to provide safe housing for students and distribute safety tips.

"We are looking at all of our policies and procedures to make sure we're keeping our students as safe as possible," Neufeldt said. "We have met with the mayor and are looking at all aspects of safety, from police escorting to better lighting in problem areas."

Neufeldt stressed that on-campus crime statistics are very low and SU is partnering with local officials to combat off-campus issues.

"I've found that students don't report crimes anymore because of the general student attitude towards the police. We're working with students to see if we can put together some statistics of our own," Afkhami said.

Students for a Safer Community had their input night March 31 to

SEE SGA PG. 2

## Parking now restricted on Wayne and Avery Street

By Brandon M. Smith  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury City Council passed resolution 1630 on Feb. 11 by a unanimous vote to prohibit on-street parking along both sides of Avery and Wayne Street between S. Division and Bateman Street. According to Jim Caldwell, the public director for the city of Salisbury, the resolution was passed for a multitude of reasons.

"The resolution concerning parking along Avery and Wayne Street was passed to ensure the safety of the traveling public. If you look at the streets, they're extremely narrow and we were getting complaints from multiple sources," Caldwell said.



Telecia Taylor photo

New "No Parking" signs are posted on Wayne Street and Avery Street.

SU shuttle services were one of the sources who lodged the complaint. They cited maneuvering problems along the road. Pedestrians along the street were also forced to weave through parked cars and negotiate vehicular traffic to reach campus as a result of the narrow lanes.

Wicomico County Public Works also lodged a complaint about the parking situation on the streets, citing difficulty reaching the recycling center adjacent to Avery St. The resolution was also created because county officials' equipment and the general public were being denied access to the collection of recyclables.

According to Caldwell, enforcement of violators who still decide to park along the street will be handled by the Salisbury Police department.

"The enforcement of the parking situation and ticketing will be up to the city police who will use standard enforcement of parking violations," Caldwell said.

The average parking violation ticket issued by the Salisbury police is around \$40 and violators are given 30 days to pay before a mandatory court summons is issued.

This resolution will only help to highlight the increasingly problematic parking situation for Salisbury students who can often miss a class because of the lack of available spots. Students without parking permits will be hit the hardest by this new decision.

"I think it's unfair, period, and just another example of the City Council abusing students. \$110 is way too much for a parking pass on campus and I already spend too long driving around trying to find a spot. I've even missed class because of it," said senior Mike Vince.

Students who don't feel like shelling out the money to park on campus are now limited in where they can go and are forced to hustle just to get to class, thanks to a resolution that will no doubt worsen SU's parking situation.

## VSA protests circus at Civic Center

By Sarah Janoske  
Staff Writer

The Vegetarian Student Association (VSA) took a stand against the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus over spring break as they protested all seven shows for the cruelty of their treatment of animals.

"Our main goal was to expose the cruelty that goes on for those animals. We weren't trying to make people feel bad for going, we were just trying to let people know what was going on behind the scenes," said Christopher Wood, president of the VSA.

The first night of the circus performances, Thursday, March 20, there were eight students and four members of the Salisbury community participating in the protests outside of the Wicomico Civic



Photo provided by VSA

The VSA protested all seven shows held at the Wicomico Civic Center.

Center. To help get their point across, the VSA handed out an information sheet with facts of "What Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Doesn't Want You To Know" with pictures displaying the treatment of their elephants.

"We actually had two people turn away because they were just com-

pletely revolted. We had a fair amount of people come up and ask us more questions. I think the biggest problem was that they have killed 25 of their elephants in the past 15 years," said Wood.

These protests captured the attention of two local news stations, WBOC-16 and WMDT-47. On WBOC-16, Jason Gibson, the circus production manager, said, "Come on down for yourself and see how beautiful and vibrant our animals are. All of our animals here at Ringling Brothers Circus are loved, cherished, and cared for 24 hours a day."

"Of course the circus isn't going to say they beat their animals, but I personally don't believe that they care for them in the right way. We went and looked at the animals and took some pictures. None of them had food and water accessible, most

couldn't even move in their cages and are chained up for 96 percent of their natural lives," Wood said.

The Ringling Brothers Circus was also performing in Baltimore at the same time, and on March 20, two of their zebras got loose and ran through the streets of Baltimore.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture already has four open investigations against the circus, and the zebras being loose in the streets will have an impact on those cases.

"Our protests aren't going to change the way the circus treats their animals. We were trying to target the public and make them question and go online and research and realize this is going on. We weren't trying to take away from the fun of the circus, just open the eyes of the public. I really think people have no idea about it," said Wood.

## Student Affairs hopes to gain input through surveys

By Doug Allers  
Staff Writer

Students will have the opportunity to express their concerns or contentment with the university in the upcoming weeks.

Student Affairs has sent out an e-mail to students asking for their input about the university by filling out a survey. Dane Foust, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs said that the surveys are to "hear what students want" and "how satisfied they are" as well as "celebrate strong areas."

There are two surveys being sent out to the students at random - the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and the Student Satisfaction Inventory. They are completely confidential and ask several questions pertaining to stu-

dents' feelings about the school, its instructors, the courses, and the like.

Dr. Foust said that the responses to the Student Satisfaction Survey will be provided by May, while responses to the NSSE will be in by the fall 2008 semester. The NSSE will be compared to other college campuses across the nation to see how students feel about their schools compared to how Salisbury students feel.

Junior Lauren Verbich said, "It's important that the school knows how we feel because I have had instructors who were not very understanding of students who also work a lot and can't make school their whole life."

Katie Fichter, sophomore, said she may have accidentally deleted the survey but would have taken it if she had noticed. Christina Barry



Sarah Wright photo

An SU student voices his opinion in his survey.

had this same plight. "I think I deleted that. Maybe I will get another one. I would definitely take it though."

Lynda Mackie, senior, took the survey already and said, "It didn't take very long at all, maybe fifteen minutes."

As an added incentive to take the survey, Student Affairs will enter your name into a drawing to be conducted in April or May. The prize is a \$200 Bookstore gift certificate.

Check your e-mail in the upcoming weeks to take the survey and express your opinion, positive or negative, about Salisbury University.

TUESDAY 4/1/08	WEDNESDAY 4/2/08	THURSDAY 4/3/08	FRIDAY 4/4/08	SATURDAY 4/5/08	SUNDAY 4/6/08	MONDAY 4/7/08
HIGH 71	HIGH 56	HIGH 57	HIGH 66	HIGH 62	HIGH 63	HIGH 61
T-STORMS/ WIND	PARTLY CLOUDY	MOSTLY CLOUDY	T-STORMS	SHOWERS	FEW SHOWERS	MOSTLY SUNNY
LOW 45	LOW 41	LOW 49	LOW 52	LOW 46	LOW 43	LOW 47

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# News briefs

## Several noise violations are dropped with no explanation

### SU Hosts Green Earth Book Awards

A fearless polar bear unites other bears to save their melting Arctic habitat. A young girl embarks on a mystical mission in the name of environmental protection and world peace. An Academy Award-winning producer provides tips to combat global warming.

All three are books honored during the 2008 Green Earth Book Awards at Salisbury University—the nation's first prize for environmental stewardship in children's literature. The ceremony takes place during SU's annual Children's Literature Festival at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center.

### NCUR at Salisbury

The city of Salisbury becomes an academic mecca this April as more than 2,800 student scholars and faculty descend upon Salisbury University for the 22nd National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR).

This is the second time in a decade that the conference has been in Maryland, both times at SU. Some 350 colleges and universities are represented and the diversity is remarkable: from Harvard and Vassar to the Borough of Manhattan Community College and the University of the Virgin Islands. March Madness basketball fans take note: Scholars from UCLA, UNC, Texas and Wisconsin will attend.

### NPR's 'StoryCorps' Comes to Delmarva April 17-May 10

"Listening is an act of love," said Dave Isay, creator of StoryCorps. "It tells people that they matter and their time on Earth matters..."

StoryCorps is about listening as people share their lives, and the famed National Public Radio project, which has recorded some 30,000 stories of everyday Americans since 2003, is coming to the Delmarva Peninsula in April.

Co-sponsored by Public Radio Delmarva, StoryCorps' shiny Airstream trailer containing a portable recording studio will be parked at the Delaware Technical and Community College campus in Georgetown April 17-May 10. Online signups begin Thursday, April 3.

By Jonathan Moynihan  
Staff Writer

"That's too loud! Turn that down! You'll blow your ears out!" Words of discipline, practically torched into students' brains.

Enjoying the irrationally loud is a habit practiced by many of the current generation of college students. Concerts are louder, iPod headphones can be heard blasting in the library or computer labs and it's hard to go five minutes without hearing a trunk rattling bass echo throughout the parking lot.

These practices may not be best for the auditory system, but they could never actually get you into legal trouble, right?

Wrong. Off-campus parties are one of the most dangerous places to practice such elevated levels of volume. The noise created at these parties is a primary gateway to law enforcement, and is usually the initial cause for a report from neighbors.

Noise citations are a way of life for students who enjoy hosting such events. Every night is a potential risk as students venture out looking for hot spots to unwind at a long week, or day, or afternoon, or class.

However, those recently charged with noise violations received a pleasant surprise last week when current noise violation charges were dropped and/or postponed, by Wicomico County. It is still unclear as to why the cancellations or postponements occurred.

Mike Brusoe, junior, is one of those individuals who received a postponing of his court date. "I received a postpone form for my court date, but I never received an official court date notice in the first place," he said. "It didn't say why it was being postponed either, just the other options that I had."

On Feb. 2, Brusoe decided to host a little get together in his cozy University Village apartment. At his third floor apartment, usually fit to house three, he decided to push the envelope and have a gathering of about 50.

"It was a lot more than I expected. A lot more. But the noise wasn't that bad," Brusoe said. "I periodically went out on the balcony to hear how loud it was, and I thought we were fine."



Sarah Wright photo

Students recently charged with noise violations received a pleasant surprise last week when current noise violation charges were dropped and/or postponed by Wicomico County. "I'm not complaining," said student Mike Brusoe.

At around 12:30 a.m. the police arrived.

Perhaps it was the over-populated apartment causing the noise. Or maybe it could have been the air horn.

"Yeah we had an air horn. I used it to calm people down who were getting out of hand. I had to keep them in line, you know," Brusoe said.

"The police showed up and I let them come in," he said. They ordered the party goers to leave the apartment and they laughed as they saw how many people came out," Brusoe said.

The police said that Brusoe would get a fine of, about \$200, and a court date in about a month, but no other notification was issued. A month later in March, he received a notice from a district attorney explaining a \$200 fine could be

paid, 50 hours of community service could be given, or he could join the misdemeanor offender program.

Brusoe took the misdemeanor offender program. Then Brusoe received a notice from the District Court telling him the charges were postponed, but it didn't say why.

Defense Attorney Bruce Anderson explained that the reason for a postponing or cancellation of charges could be caused by a number of reasons.

"If the officer doesn't show up then it gets dropped. It's possible they have something bigger to fry pertaining to the case, or if there was an illegal entry," Anderson said.

However, none of these reasons justify the postponing of Brusoe's charges. He admitted he allowed the police inside his apartment, he

never had a court date for an officer to miss, and no other charges were given to him, leaving many questions as to why their charges were dropped or postponed.

"I didn't do anything to stop or postpone the charges," said Brusoe, "but I'm not complaining." Neither will the other students who have benefited from these changes.

"Now that I'm in the misdemeanor offender program, I'm sort of on probation," Brusoe said. "I just need to be careful for the next 12 months so that these charges don't rise up again," he said. After the year is up, the charges will be gone and Brusoe will have a clean record as long as he stays out of trouble.

But that's the tough part, isn't it? When asked about his future night life, Brusoe responded with a smile. "No parties at my apartment!"

## Crime beat

3/15/08  
12:42-1:10 a.m.  
Public Defecation  
Beloved SU mascot Sammy the Seagull was charged with public defecation after the police responded to an incident in the GUC parking lot. School officials were unable to comment on this embarrassing occurrence.

3/20/08  
8:00-10:43 a.m.  
Assault  
An SU student is in serious condition after having been moved down by a University Police officer on a Segway. In the officer's defense, he was distracted by the many students who were mocking him at the time the accident occurred.

3/20/08-3/21/08  
2:00 p.m.-11:52 a.m.  
Indecent Exposure  
Police reported that three SU professors were found streaking the quad on Thursday night. Officials say the professors "wished they were as old school as Will Ferrell."

3/25/08  
7:00-8:20 p.m.  
Call for Service  
Police responded to a report that a fetus was left in a Henson Science Hall trash can. Upon further investigation it turned out to be a Common's chicken strip.

3/26/08  
10:02-10:30 p.m.  
Injured Student  
A student was taken to the Peninsula Regional Medical Center after having been attacked by a squirrel. Officials report it is likely that he will lose several fingers. A squirrel safety video will be released by SU's Health Center later this week in order to instruct students on how to prevent similar squirrel-related injuries.

3/29/08  
3:24-4:27 a.m.  
Injured Student  
Police responded to the Gulls' Nest on Saturday after a student passed out. Emergency personnel reported that the student went into shock after realizing that a worker had made a sub that could actually be folded in half for once.

### Local cops stop targeting students

violation even though all we were doing was having a few beers while playing Wii," Smithers said. "Sorry about that," laughed Magee. "We were bored and scared to go after any real criminals, but under the reign of our new police chief, we won't be bothering students anymore," Magee said.

The newly appointed Salisbury City Police Chief Sgt. Ron Pepper is responsible for the recent turnaround. "The local enforcement has decided to focus on the dangerous crime in the community instead of hounding the kids," Sgt. Pepper said. "We've had our fun busting in on the Bob Marley-covered walls of local college houses but it's time to focus on the robberies, muggings and assaults that have plagued the city for a while now."

Tyrone Biggums, local crackhead, long-time thief and regular guest on the *Chappelle Show*, isn't so thrilled by the local enforcement's new focus. "This sucks. I've been stealing from college students for years and last week I finally got arrested," Biggums lamented. \*

By Busty Sinclair  
Staff Writer

Something extraordinary has been happening in the community lately. Local police have stopped harassing students and started targeting criminals. Officer Bruno Magee and SU student Michael Smithers were seen laughing and talking about their first encounter.

"We were just discussing the time Officer Magee and his police buddies stomped in my house without a warrant, hand-cuffed me and about five of my other friends and changed us with a noise

### Underground cockfighting ring exposed by Salisbury police

By Steven Reddick  
Staff Writer

One resident, identified only as Jack, was arrested for suspicion of conspiracy and animal cruelty. "Apparently Jack had been the organizer of these illegal events," OSullivan said. Jack was unavailable for comment, but according to police, Jack was clucking at least four cocks when police entered.

"Jack appears to have a pathological obsession with any cock he can get his hands on," said prosecutor Kevin Faxon. "People like Jack make me sick," said Susan Koh, VSA spokeswoman. "His self-serving audacity only hurts others. People should embrace cocks, not nuzzle them, like Jack." \*

## GLOBAL

### Mayor faces perjury charges

By Michelle Hinkle  
Staff Writer

Detroit Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick was charged with eight counts of felony offenses last week after text messages revealed he lied under oath. This could potentially end his political career.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy declared it "a very sad day" for Detroit when she announced the charges. Kilpatrick is accused of misconduct in office, obstruction of justice, conspiracy to commit obstruction of justice and perjury.

"It would be much sadder still if true justice were ignored," Worthy said.

In a civil trial last year several former police officers accused Kilpatrick of forcing them out of

their jobs when investigations threatened to uncover the mayor's romantic relationships. Sexually explicit text messages exposed an affair between Kilpatrick and his chief of staff, Christine Beatty, that both had denied during the case.

The Detroit Free Press obtained the incriminating text messages that record Kilpatrick sending, "I am madly in love with you" to Beatty. Beatty responded with "I hope you feel that way for a long time. In case you haven't noticed, I am madly in love with you, too!" These messages date back to 2002, prior to the court case.

Beatty has been charged with seven felony counts similar to those against Kilpatrick.

Other text messages refer to firing Deputy Chief Gary Brown,

another act that Kilpatrick denied on the stand.

Worthy said that the charges against Kilpatrick are not punishment for lying about sex, but about the police officers whose lives have been irreversibly changed.

"They were ruined financially and their reputations were completely destroyed because they chose to be dutiful police officers. The public trust was violated. This investigation is about whether public dollars were used unlawfully, and more," said Worthy according to *The New York Times*.

Kilpatrick, 37, is known as one of the youngest mayors ever elected to govern a major city. He took office in 2001 after defeating an opponent nearly twice his age.

Kilpatrick has made headlines in the past and blamed racism for his

runs-in with the law.

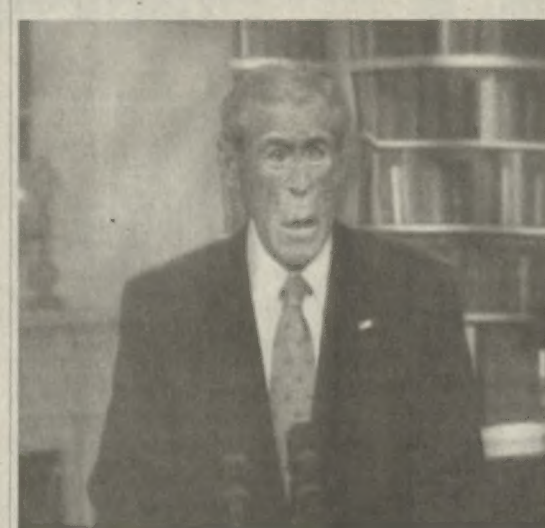
Although he has been asked for his resignation, Kilpatrick vowed to remain in office for as long as he is able to.

Kilpatrick, husband and father of three sons, admitted his disappointment in the prosecutor's decision. He was not surprised during a press conference that followed the announcement of the charges. The mayor continues to look to the future, talking about his plans for the city of Detroit.

The indictment makes Kilpatrick the first sitting mayor of Detroit to face criminal charges. If Kilpatrick is convicted he could face up to 15 years in prison and lose his position as mayor.

The bill will reduce oil consumption by 25 percent and it asks for \$2 billion to be spent on fuel and energy alternatives. The new president submitted another proposal to

### Hail to the Chimp? Bush replaced, nation saved



Internet photo Having him so far away was driving me bananas."

President George W. Bush was replaced by a more moderate chimpanzee, Marlow the ape, on Friday, March 28.

President Marlow was named president when Bush decided to step down as commander-in-chief. It was a move that caused shock around the world; not many saw it coming since former President Bush was adamant about staying in control of the nation.

"To tell you the truth, I didn't even notice," said former Bush aide George Gonnen. "I'm sorry to see his reign end, I guess, but President Marlow's proposals sound promising for a better America."

Many Americans have expressed feelings of joy at the prospect of an America under Marlow. Long time global warming advocate Jerry Collins said he is pleased with the oil/fossil fuel reduction plan that President Marlow has proposed.

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Despite the shock, the new president already has high approval ratings. Currently President Marlow is at 83 percent in the polls.

A new era has dawned on America, one not of mud slinging but of poo slinging. \*

## HISTORY CORNER

**APRIL 1**  
1976. Apple Computer is formed by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.

**APRIL 2**  
1917. The first woman ever elected to the U.S. Congress, Jeannette Rankin, takes her seat as a representative from Montana.

**APRIL 3**  
1973. The first portable cell phone call is placed in New York City.

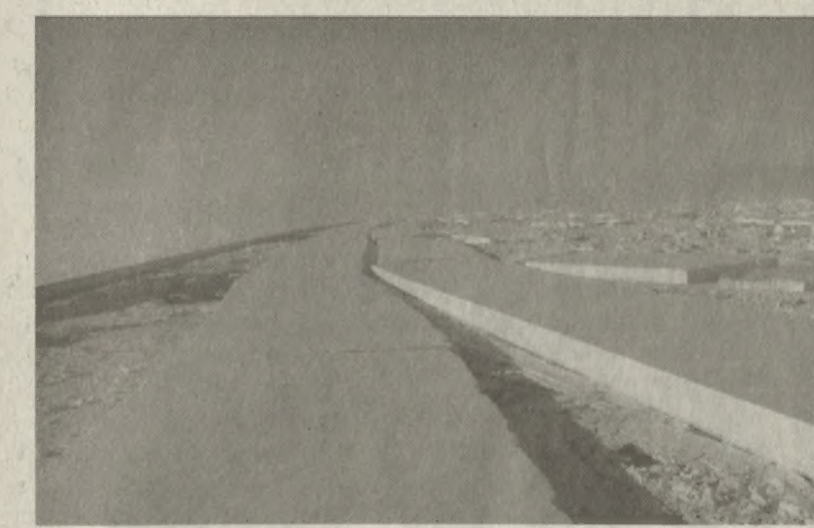
**APRIL 4**  
1968. Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated by James Earl Ray at a motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

**APRIL 5**  
1956. Fidel Castro declares himself at war with the President of Cuba.

**APRIL 6**  
1947. The first Tony Awards are presented for theatrical achievements.

**APRIL 7**  
1940. Booker T. Washington becomes the first African American to be depicted on a United States postage stamp.

## .....REALITY CHECK.....



British Antarctic Survey photo The Wilkins Ice Shelf, breaking off from the Antarctic Peninsula.

IT NOW HANGS TO THE PENINSULA BY A VERY THIN STRIP OF ICE. IT WILL SOON BREAK OFF AND COLLAPSE INTO THE OCEAN.



WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?



British Antarctic Survey photo A satellite photo shows the Wilkins Ice Shelf (top left) and the strip of ice that connects it to the Antarctic Peninsula (bottom right).

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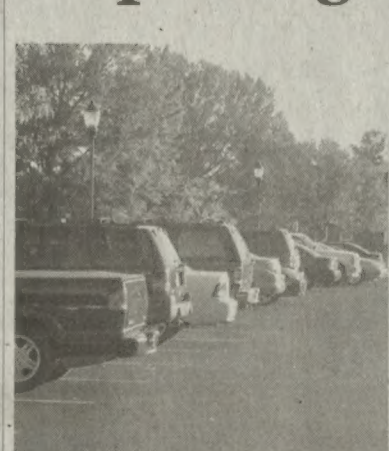
We need fun, outgoing, and self-motivated students who are looking for valuable career building experience and an unforgettable summer. Paid internships are available and come with a great tan. (no photography experience necessary)

SGA get personal student experiences directly from the campus community and are working with Dean of Students Edwin Cowell on an awareness campaign to give out quick tips and advice.

"We want to encourage community building," Afkhami said. "We want to focus on knowing your neighbors and being responsible with the decisions you make. That alone can make Salisbury a better place to live."

President Janet Dudley Esbach has been working on available solutions and will address the school's policy changes at the next forum meeting to be held later this month. She recently met with her advisory team to review cam-

### No parking? No problem!



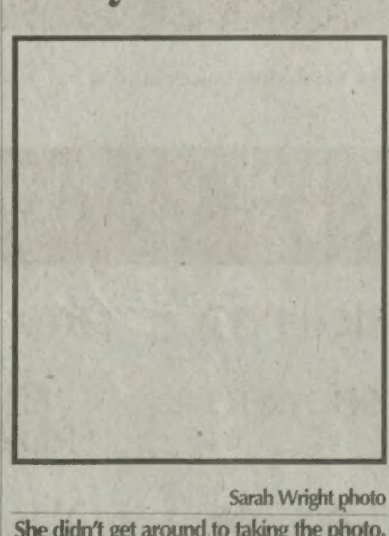
Sarah Lake photo There will be 500 new spots by August.

By Kristen Manion  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University's parking problem has officially been solved!

In a landmark decision by university officials at a recent budget meeting, budget planners developed a plan that will provide over

### Salisbury University releases new study on increased student apathy



Sarah Wright photo She didn't get around to taking the photo.

pus procedures and policy. University Police Chief Ed Lashley presented crime statistics and SU police are working with local police agencies to improve patrols at University Park and other perimeter areas.

According to the Salisbury Police Web site, crime is down in the city. Burglary, motor vehicle theft and assault have all dropped significantly in the last year despite a rise in calls for service.

"I don't think Salisbury is as bad as they make it out to be," said senior Sean Danus. "I wouldn't walk around alone at three in the morning, but it's as easy as keeping your house and car locked."

Anyway, I didn't actually get around to reading the report; I just sort of skimmed through the abstract during commercials...



# XM, Sirius hoping to merge



Internet photo

Sirius hopes this will be its new logo; however, the FCC must still approve the merger.

By Matthew J. Harhai  
Staff Writer

The Justice Department approved the merging of sole satellite radio providers XM and Sirius after more than a year of consideration.

However, for the deal to be completed, the FCC must approve of the merger too. The FCC prevented the merging of the two companies before. A ban in 1997 prevented such a business move, said Kevin Martin FCC chairman.

If the merger takes place Sirius will write a \$5 billion dollar check to XM for the buyout.

The two companies have not stipulated any conditions of the merger. XM and Sirius have argued that consumer's choices will not be limited due to the plethora of available music services including music downloading services, online radios and musical devices like mp3 players.

The Justice Department has determined that XM and Sirius' proposals are in fact correct in that consumers would have no less of a choice of how or where to listen to music.

Furthermore, the Justice Department stated that there is real-

ly no competition between either of the companies. Both companies sell exclusive equipment to their services.

Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Thomas Barnett said that people don't switch services all that much.

"The likely evolution of technology in the future, including the expected introduction in the next several years of mobile broadband Internet devices, made it even more unlikely that the transaction would harm consumers in the longer term," the Justice Department said in a recent press release.

According to Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis. chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on antitrust, he is extremely bothered by the decision of the Justice Department to allow another merger, and it has been almost four years since a merger was denied by the department.

Consumer advocate groups hoping the merger does not take place would be happy with the FCC Chairman's past comments; it would be a "high hurdle" for the merger to be granted, Barnett said. Barnett had no comment on the matter Monday.

## Gas prices projected to hit record high

By Michel Elben  
Staff Writer

Have you filled up lately? If you have, you may have noticed that gas prices are steadily increasing. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, gas prices are projected to jump 40 cents a gallon this year. By that estimation, Salisbury students could be paying almost \$3.57 per gallon to return home in May.

But why are gas prices rising? "The oil market is a global market, not a local market," said Dr. Kashi Khazeh, professor of finance at SU. "Oil prices are increasing globally for many reasons."

Khazeh said that as resources decrease globally, the prices will increase globally. He also explained that the oil industries depended on the operation success of its refineries.

"National disasters, like Katrina, and malfunctions within the refineries also cause the prices to go up," Khazeh said.

"I think the insanely high gas prices are part of the problem with our economy. I know when I throw \$30 in my tank, I'm not going to be all about stimulating the economy by going on a shopping spree," said senior and commuter Chris Milligan.

The increase in gas prices affects more than the commuters. Students will have to make some changes in their spending and driving habits if they want to afford gas to take beach trips or go home before the end of the semester.

Students should consider carpooling or walking to campus. Not only will it be easier on everyone's wallet, but they'll go green while saving green. As it gets warmer, walking or biking is again an alternative to the car.

While reducing one's driving is the best option, students will find driving unavoidable. Try slowing down. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, increasing your highway cruising speed from 55 mph to 75 mph can raise fuel consumption as much as 20 percent.

Not everyone agrees that the prices are totally driven by economics. Thirsty's gas station manager, John, blames politics. "I think the war in Iraq is a major factor," he said. "The energy policy of this government is not really people friendly. They work for the mega-corporations like Exxon."

John said that Exxon reported \$13.5 billion in profits over the quarter. "That's a lot of money to be making. I think the government's playing monopoly and bringing the prices up and down as they please. They're scaring people with the war."

Khazeh said that he believes politics plays a minor role but supply and demand ultimately dictate what the price will be. "Future markets dictate future delivery. Speculation demands prices to go up before they need to go up," he said.

Milligan seemed to adopt the go green approach. "Start putting more dough into renewable energy sources," he said.

Internet photo

Gas prices are projected to jump 40 cents per gallon this year. This means gas could be \$3.57 per gallon by May.

## VT students discover new way to predict Washington D.C.'s cherry blossom season

By Sara Sutton  
Staff Writer

The Cherry Blossom festival, held in the nation's capital, is the commemoration of the gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo, in 1912, to enhance the relationship between Japan and the U.S. The two-week-long festival is currently in full swing with the dates ranging this year from March 29 to April 13.

The festival holds an array of activities with a parade, fireworks, sushi tasting, a beer garden, constant music and craft activities for children and the annual freedom walk to honor the sacrifice Japanese-Americans made during WWII.

The festival produces millions of dollars for the city's tourism industry and is an important part of the tradition and culture of DC. This all rides on the blooming of the cherry trees.

Every year chief horticulturalist for the National Park Service Rob DeFeo predicts the blooming period for the annual festival. The fate of the festival rides in his hands. DeFeo has been on target 13 out of 16 years, two of those years missing the bloom period by only five to six days.

This year DeFeo predicts that the bloom period will be from March 27 through April 3. The peak bloom day was March 29, when 70 percent of the blossoms were open. These blooms will remain open for several days, depending on weather.

But VT students Vidhya Dass and Elizabeth Brennan, have created what they believe to be a new and more accurate method of predicting the blooming of the blossoms. Their method is the use of computerized models that are put together to mimic the brain in function. The system, like the brain, will adjust itself when given feedback.

"You know how our human brain absorbs complex relationships? It's something very similar to that," said Dass in a *Washington Post* article. Using historical data of the trees

and their blooming periods in conjunction with weather conditions, the girls were able to test different models with some of those models coming three days closer to the peak bloom date than DeFeo.

According to the girls, computer modeling is not a new phenomenon in the horticulture business. Japan widely uses this method to predict their cherry blossom period and the US uses it to predict soybean flowering, corn and some aspects of lettuce and tomato harvesting.

Can a computer really replace the intelligence of an individual who has a lifelong relationship with the growth and blooming of these special trees?

DeFeo adds that you must have "intimate daily contact with your tree population, or any living thing, in order to understand it." Computers "certainly have their use, but when they forecast the blossoms, I would never want to substitute a computer for going out and looking at the buds and seeing where they're at," according to the *Washington Post*.



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The new method uses historical data of the trees in conjunction with weather conditions to predict blooming periods.

# EDITORIAL

## Overheard:

Photos and article by: Sarah Wright



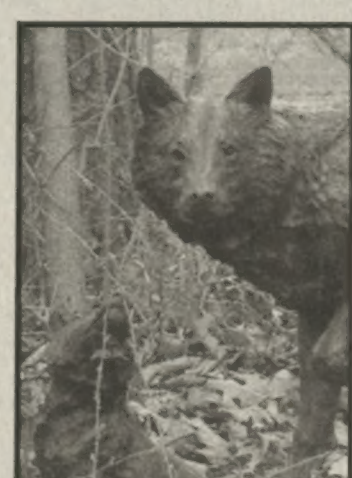
"My eyes are up here."

Adolescence - Pergola



"Question: What is the best kind of bear?"

Black Bears - Guerrieri Center



"Rawr."

Timber Wolves - Guerrieri Center



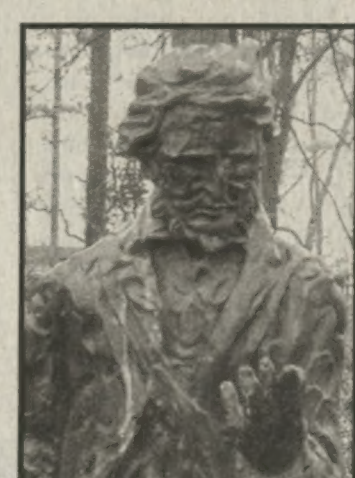
"I'm allergic to bananas. Thanks a lot, jerks."

Ishmael - The Commons



"I'm going to eat your soul."

Succubus Triumphant - Fulton Hall



"Who stole my book?"

Henry David Thoreau - Guerrieri Center

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## Letters to the Editor

In response to "Obama's campaign is nothing we haven't heard before"

Supporters of Barack Obama are not stupid. They understand that politicians make promises that they are sometimes unable to keep. However, the general consensus among many of Mr. Obama's supporters is, "A little change can go a long way." As far as gas prices are concerned, once adjusted for inflation, they are lower than they were in the 1970s, but why compare record high gas prices to today's gas prices? If we look at gas prices from the 1990s and compare them to the gas prices today, the cost of gas has actually doubled after inflation!

As for tax increases, if Mr. Obama had been president during the past two terms, the war in Iraq never would have happened. This would have saved the American taxpayers 1.3 trillion dol-

lars over the past few years. Additionally, this savings does not take into consideration the opportunity cost that our country has paid by not investing that money back into our economy. Furthermore, Mr. Obama does not wish to raise the taxes of those who cannot pay, he plans on rolling back the Bush Tax Cuts! These tax breaks benefit the utmost wealthy and have not led to growth in our economy; nor have they led to real salary gains for the average working American.

Mr. Obama is telling the truth! Our economy has grown slower than the historical norm and the average worker has seen less of a salary increase than in previous years. Healthcare is seen as a human right in many developed countries, but not in ours! However you slice the pie, 47 million people in America are uninsured and could not pay for healthcare if a major,

or in some cases a minor, medical condition was diagnosed. For instance, if diagnosed with cancer, one without insurance would take on the burden of paying nearly three times the typical mortgage payment for one month's chemotherapy. Who can afford that? According to the World Health Organization, America ranks 37<sup>th</sup> in the world when it comes to providing healthcare. What a shame!

The informed voter views Barack Obama as a viable candidate for President. His policy aims to clean up the corruption in Washington and unite our country. Americans are tired of seeing their country treated like a political puppet by the same old Washington players. All in all, the informed voter understands Barack Obama's message of hope and believes that there are ways to make a positive change!

Michael Wynne

UP insensitive to student needs

I currently have a girlfriend who has lived at the University Park apartments for nearly two years now and obviously I drive there to visit her often. Did the architects of the complex ignore the fact that the residents who reside there will have guests of their own who will visit frequently considering the University atmosphere? Parking is a problem for the RESIDENTS alone but University Park has turned a blind eye to us guests who wish to visit the complex for the sake of sharing some time with friends, or, as in my case, girlfriends. This is not about parking, that story has been beaten to death already here at SU, but more of the ignorance of the community to certain situations. University Park instructs guests to park off their premises for visiting purposes - either off Wayne Street or "near" the university. Are they ignorant to the

fact that Salisbury is experiencing a crime situation which needs the immediate attention of the community? How many times are students e-mailed through Groupwise about recent incidents where thugs have approached students and stolen their belongings as they walk to their apartments. The fact is that many students are afraid of the city streets and here we are being asked by the most popular apartment complex in Salisbury for students to park away from the complex which consequently requires us to walk at night, alone or not, to our vehicles. So we either have our cars towed or receive "Parking Violation" stickers plastered on our cars, which are immensely frustrating to remove. Not only do I fear being approached by thugs in the street as I walk to my car, but now I have to fear the overly aggressive and unprofessional guard dog employees who guard the premises at night. I am a student at the university, for

goodness sake! My girlfriend lives in UP and obviously I will visit her frequently, but I will certainly not park off the premises and walk at night, risking my safety because of the arrogance and ignorance of University Park not providing us with spots, turning a blind eye to the crime in the area when they ask us so calmly to park away from U.P.

I am outraged. Not only does the city maintain an "anti-university" attitude toward students but now so does our own community on which we rely for our safety and living quarters. I have experienced the police attitudes towards Salisbury students first hand, the attitudes of storeowners of Salisbury and so forth but I never expected this from our own resources which students rely on to live by and reside during their educational experience here at Salisbury.

Carlos Roncajolo

## Would a war without measurable objectives, by any other name still smell as misguided?

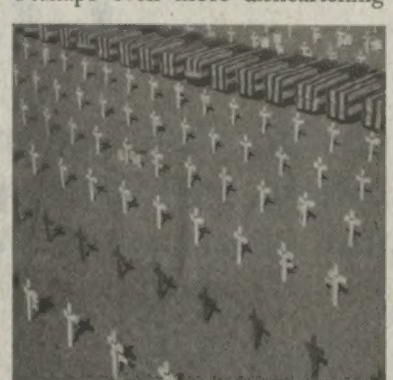
By Matthew Rains  
Pulse Editor

It's been nearly five years since President Bush stood aboard the flight deck of the USS Lincoln beneath a giant banner that read "Mission Accomplished" as he announced to the world that major combat operations in Iraq were over and that America and its allies had prevailed.

But after five years, 4,000 dead American soldiers, nearly a trillion dollars in direct war expenditures and countless White House lawn speeches filled with empty rhetoric and exaggerated claims of improvement, we still appear no closer to obtaining this vague and intangible notion of victory in the Iraq war. It may also be worth mentioning that the main catalyst of this war, the mushroom clouds so many feared would be the smoking gun to confirm all of our suspicions of Saddam's WMDs, have yet

to be found.

The 4,000<sup>th</sup> American casualty of the war which occurred last week in southern Baghdad is not uniquely important in and of itself; that is, it is no more important than the 3,999 that came before it. But what this historic benchmark does help to do is to illustrate the real cost of this war, not just in monetary terms, but in the lost lives of young American men and women. Perhaps even more disheartening

Internet photo  
American death toll hits 4,000 in Iraq

than the 4,000 dead are the 29,000+ injured soldiers who are now amputees, paraplegics, blind, deaf, horribly disfigured and suffering from PTSD.

Despite record low approval ratings, the Bush administration continues to shower the American public with assurances that progress is being made. But I have to ask, what exactly is this progress I've been hearing so much about? What defines success in a war that seems to have no concrete objectives and no real end in sight?

It is time Americans opened their eyes and recognized that a pre-emptive war that has displaced millions of Iraqis, crippled a nation and damaged our reputation abroad is anything but American. Some may argue that loss of life is just the cost of being at war. Well, then I ask of you, if 4,000 American lives is the cost of war, then what is it that we have bought?

## ~SUDOKU~ The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

		9	6	8				
		2			1	9		
3								5
9						4		
	4	6	2	7	3	1	9	
		1						7
8								3
		7	1			8		
				9	7	2		

Difficulty Rating: Evil

## Solution to last week's puzzle:

2	6	1	7	8	4	9	3	5
4	3	5	2	9	6	1	8	7
7	8	9	3	1	5	6	4	2
3	4	6	8	5	9	7	2	1
9	7	2	1	4	3	5	6	8
5	1	8	6	2	7	3	9	4
6	2	3	4	7	1	8	5	9
8	5	7	9	6	2	4	1	3
1	9	4	5	3	8	2	7	6







# Ms. Advice

Ms. Advice answers all your questions, even private ones, in complete confidentiality. Send your questions to:

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Ms. Advice

"I'm graduating in the spring and I plan on moving pretty far away from home. I do not know anyone in the area and I'm really nervous about making new friends and finding a new social scene. What do you think I should do in order to meet people?"

Congratulations on your first job! It definitely takes a lot of courage to move away from a familiar area. Depending on where you're living, your apartment building might have a lot of people the same age as you who are starting their first job as well. You should try to talk to people around your work place to find out where people are hanging and which type of people you would be interested in becoming friends with. If you are in a Greek organization at Salisbury, use your networking skills as much as possible. Find out if there are any alumni in your area, try to connect with them and be their friend too. If you are still interested in playing sports like you did in college, try to join a club or recreational team. This will be a great way to stay in shape and also meet people who have the same interests as you. Chances are the people playing this sport will be around the same age as you and will know other people in that area that they can introduce you to. Go out of your way to be very friendly and outgoing at work. People will see you as approachable and they will be more willing to invite you to come out with them after work. It might take some time to adjust to a new environment, but I'm sure you will find yourself surrounded by people who are in the same position as you in no time.

"I really want to live in Ocean City this summer, but my parents keep saying no. How can I convince them to let me live there?"

If your parents are worried about you saving money, remind them that Ocean City is so busy that the chances of you earning the same amount at home as you would at the beach is very slim. Beach houses are expensive and if your parents are paying rent at school, volunteer to pay for the beach house out of the money that you will make during the summer. Start looking for a beach house and job as soon as possible, because space is limited in both. Maybe you should make a budget that shows where your money would go for the summer. Remember going out at night and food because both of those add up quickly. Good luck and hopefully you'll have a great summer at the beach.

"I went on spring break with all of my friends, but my boyfriend couldn't go. Things got out of control one night and I ended up cheating on

him. I deeply regret it and I don't know if I should tell him or not. I don't want him to find out from anyone but me, but I also think that some things are better left unknown. I don't want to hurt him. What should I do?"

Everyone makes mistakes, but try to put yourself in his position. If you think that someone will tell him before you get the chance to, then I would tell him as soon as possible. If you are honest with him he might be more forgiving and see that you are not trying to hide something that you regret. Tell him that you made a mistake that you want to take back, but that you never meant to hurt him. Depending on his reaction he will either stay with you or will break up with you because he is so hurt. If you know that there is no chance of him finding out, it is true that there are some things better left unknown. Make a promise to yourself that you will have better self-control next time you are drinking and that you will only go home with your boyfriend. If you cheated on your boyfriend for another reason other than your drunken spring break you might not be ready for a relationship and you are only going to hurt yourself and him in the end.

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## Sweet Treats



## New Items!

Scone Squares \$1.99  
Cinnamon Twist \$1.99  
Fruit Topped Muffins \$1.99



## People Making A Difference Dr. Rosemary Thomas

By Katelyn Johnson  
Staff Writer

"A trusted member of my Executive staff, I have found Dr. Thomas' counsel and insight unmatched and often seek her advice in the daily operation of this growing University," wrote SU President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach in a letter nominating Dr. Rosemary Thomas to become one of Maryland's Top 100 Women for 2008. The words of praise paid off and Thomas was named among the recipients.

"When I learned that my name was among those listed as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women, I was honored on so many levels," Thomas said. "I was pleased to know that a native West Virginian had been accepted into the fold in this fine state. I was also delighted to know that my recognition would be recognition for Salisbury University and for higher education across the state."

Thomas also remarked on what an honor it was to be nominated by Dudley-Eshbach, a two-time previous recipient of the award.

Thomas began her higher education at Clemson University where she majored in political science and minored in communications. She continued on to receive a Masters of Public Administration from the University of South Carolina and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from West Virginia University before joining the SU family in 2003.

At SU, Thomas does double duty as the Vice President of University Advancement as well as the Executive Director of the SU Foundation.

"As VP of University Advancement I have the honor of leading the team that deals with what we call 'external constituents' including alumni, donors, media, parents, friends and more," Thomas said. This includes alumni relations, public relations, publications, marketing, sports information, outreach, special events, etc.

According to the school's Web site, "The Salisbury University Foundation, Inc. was created in 1973 to accumulate funds, by gift and investment, and to foster, encourage and enrich the activities, educational programs, athletics and scholarships of SU."



Adrienne Price photo

Vice President of University Advancement Dr. Rosemary Thomas.

As executive director of this organization Thomas heads up the private fundraising efforts as well as works closely alongside the board of directors, real estate foundation board, donors and staff.

One of the projects Thomas helped off the ground was the launch of the Capital Campaign for SU in June of 2006, with an original goal of \$25 million. The campaign's target has since been raised to \$30 million and is on track to exceed that expectation before the project's end on June 30, 2011. In fact, the campaign has already reached 80 percent of its goal in only two years.

Thomas has also been instrumental in increasing both the alumni giving rate and the faculty/staff giving rate, as well as starting up various projects such as Learn with SU, a senior community learning project, a Parent and Family organization, the Student Alumni Association and Healthy U.

"The success with planned giving has been outstanding and it has been embraced by our entire team," Thomas said. "Actually, one of the things I am most proud of is the team that we have

been able to assemble. They are great at what they do, enthusiastic, positive and dedicated."

Even with all she has already accomplished, Thomas already has a list of goals for the future. They include exceeding the set campaign goal and furthering the reputation of Salisbury as a Maryland University of National Distinction.

"Without a doubt my favorite aspect of SU is the people! I am honored to be working with such an outstanding executive team that Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach has assembled," Thomas remarked. "The board members I work with through the SU Foundation are dedicated volunteers and visionaries. The alumni of SU that I work with have such tremendous pride and enthusiasm."

Maryland's Top 100 Women, an award in its 13 year, was created by a Baltimore-based newspaper, *The Daily Record*, to recognize the accomplishments of professional women either residing or working in Maryland. The recipients will be honored on May 12 at an awards ceremony held at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore.

## HEALTH COLUMN Advantages of Flaxseed Oil

By Sarah Brinton  
Staff Writer

Thinking about improving your daily nutrition? Flax seed oil is one supplement to consider. You can also consume the actual flax seed itself, by sprinkling some on cereal, fruit, salads, etc.

Flax promotes cardiovascular health because of the high levels of omega-3 fatty acids. As many of us have learned in our physical education classes, omega-3 fatty acids lower the LDL (bad) cholesterol in our bodies.

If you are diabetic, studies show that flax can help stabilize blood sugar. Also, as colon cancer becomes an arising health issue, flax is again to the rescue. It contains anti-cancer properties and is a rich source of fiber.

Flax is not just a food for adults to be fixated on adding to their diets. Studies show that children whose diets were supplemented with flax had less respiratory infections than children who did not take flax. Flax also provides healthy fats that are precursors for brain building. It is also recommended that pregnant mothers and nursing mothers add a daily tablespoon of flax to their diet while their child's brain development is fast paced.

Flaxseeds are not only good for internal health, but also cosmetic health. Flax facilitates healthy skin. Flax can help people with dry skin or eczema. It is not a proven cure, but is known to help with skin problems. It will also provide a more glowing complexion.

More good news: flax can help you lose weight! The essential, healthy fats in flaxseeds help boost the body's metabolic rate, which helps to burn the excess, unwanted fats. It is also known that when you consume the healthier fats, you have a diminished craving for the unhealthy fats.

Facts about flaxseed are from Dr. Sears and other related sites.

Southeast Turkey Burgers  
Radha Ray's 30 Minute Meals  
[http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/turkey/recipe/0,FOOD\\_9936\\_27757,00.html](http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/turkey/recipe/0,FOOD_9936_27757,00.html)

Ingredients:  
8 slices turkey bacon or turkey bacon with black pepper  
1 1/3 pounds ground turkey breast, the average weight of 1 package  
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped  
1 large shallot or 1/4 red onion, finely chopped  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme leaves or 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves  
1/2 small bell pepper, green, red or yellow, seeded and finely chopped  
1 serrano or jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped  
2 teaspoons, 2/3 palm full, ground cumin  
1 to 2 teaspoons cayenne hot sauce, several drops (recommended: Tabasco)  
2 teaspoons grill seasoning blend (recommended: Montreal Steak Seasoning by McCormick)  
Olive oil, for drizzling  
1/2 pound deli sliced pepper jack cheese  
4 crusty Kaiser rolls, split  
1 cup sweet red pepper relish, found on condiment aisle - pepper jelly may be substituted  
Red leaf lettuce  
Spicy O-nuts, recipe follows  
Chop your garlic and veggies

Cook bacon in a large nonstick skillet over medium high heat until crisp. Wipe excess grease from pan and return skillet to heat.

While bacon cooks, combine turkey meat, garlic, shallot or onion, thyme, cilantro or parsley, bell pepper, serrano or jalapeno pepper, cumin, hot pepper sauce, grill seasoning, or salt and pepper. Divide mixture into 4 equal mounds then form meat into patties. Drizzle patties with vegetable oil to coat. Cook in skillet over medium high heat for 5 to 6 minutes on each side. Place sliced cheese over the patties in the last 2 minutes of cooking, use 1 or 2 slices for each patty, as you like.

Pile cooked cheeseburgers into buns. Spread sweet relish or jelly on bun tops and set red leaf lettuce into place, using the relish or jelly as glue. Top the cheeseburgers with 2 slices of cooked crisp bacon, or turkey bacon, and lettuce. Serve with tortilla chips, tossed salad and/or spicy o-nuts.

## Weekly Greek News ••• SU hosts its fourth Green Earth Book Awards

By Lindsey Dickinson  
Staff Writer

Since Greek organizations began they have used different terminology for simple definitions that only members of Greek life seem to understand. While many students are familiar with phrases used in Greek life, not many have a full understanding of this unique terminology.

"We have many different terms for things we do, and other students always seem to get confused when I use them," said Jaime Somers, sister of Zeta Tau Alpha. "I think that it further separates us from other students on campus so it would be nice for everyone to have an understanding of the terminology, although they are sometimes hard to explain."

When joining a fraternity or sorority there are several basic terms that are helpful to know to get you through the new member process. First of all "informal rush" is a continuous period when Greek organizations recruit new members without activities that are scheduled for all organizations on campus. "Formal rush" is the recruitment week when all activities are planned together for sororities or fraternities. A "badge" is the pin of an initiated member. Each organization has a unique badge with symbols on it that have a deeper meaning. A "bid" is an invitation to

become a member of a fraternity or sorority. A bid is given after rushing. A "legacy" is a son, daughter, or relative of a fraternity/sorority member.

"It was scary when I first decided to join a Greek organization because I was so unfamiliar with the terminology," said Nicole Sunderlin, sister of Zeta Tau Alpha. "During formal rush sisters would use the terms around me and I wasn't sure what they were referring to. Now that I am a sister, I always make sure to explain to others what the terms mean because I know it can be frustrating."

After joining an organization, there are many more terms to understand. However, the most used terms to know are "big brother/sister," "ritual," "initiation," and "new member." A "new member" is someone who has accepted their bid to an organization but has not yet been initiated into the chapter. A "big brother or sister" is an older member assigned to assist a new member throughout his or her collegiate years.

Each organization has a different way of matching up big brothers and sisters. A "ritual" is a traditional gathering of members to strengthen their national bond. Rituals are a way of ensuring that all members nationally are upholding the traditions. An "initiation" is a type of ritual where a new member becomes a part of the organization.

## Lava erupts through Fulton fountain, SU staff flabbergasted

By Nick Lehwald  
Staff Writer

Students and staff returning to campus from spring break were surprised to discover a large mound of still warm molten lava filling the basin of the Fulton Hall fountain.

The magma, which had cooled and evidently begun hardening, found filling the basin over six inches deep, was discovered by maintenance staff on Tuesday during spring break. The staff first believed it to be an elaborate hoax until a member of the staff, severely burned when he stuck his hands too close, called campus police who immediately gave the man medical

treatment and secured the fountain area. Police and firefighters first on the scene were unable to determine the nature of the warm black substance and called the Wicomico HAZMAT task force, who were also unable to identify the substance and thereby determined it hazardous. The fountain and surrounding area, including Fulton Hall, were placed in quarantine and cordoned off until the arrival of the State Geological Survey.

The next morning, at approximately 4:20 a.m., an unidentified witness reported fire emitting from the top of the fountain. Police and fire officials, when arriving discovered large amounts of magma spewed from the head of the fountain.

By Samantha Sullivan  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University is proud to host, for the fourth year, the Green Earth Book Awards at its Children's Literature Festival on campus and in the community from April 1 to April 3.

This three day event will start off with Robert Buchanan, the president of Polar Bears International, giving a presentation about what the organization does for polar bears and their environment. Also, winners of the Eastern Shore Reading Council's Young Author Contest will be presented with their awards.

On Wednesday, in Caruthers Hall Auditorium, internationally known author David Wiesner speaks along with author Philip Hoose. Wiesner is the only author to win the prestigious Caldecott Award three times.

Two authors will be receiving Green Earth Book Awards, and one of the honors authors will be speaking as a panel on environmental writing. OR, Melling, Adrian Fogelin and Jean Davies Okamoto.

Later that evening, a community environmental fair will be held outside the Wicomico Room promoting and educating those who attend about health and the environment. Some of the organizations include the Salisbury Zoo, the Ward Museum, Healthy U, Coastal Bays, the Wicomico Environmental Trust, the Sierra Club and Seagull Century.

During this time a small theater will be set up in the Artium Gallery where a 12

minute movie will be showing school children from Manitoba, Canada acting out the Polar Bear book winning the Green Earth Book Award titled, *Waters of Change: One Bear's Battle Against Global Warming*.

Wednesday concludes with the Green Earth Book Award reception for books that promote environmental stewardship. Awards will be presented by Lisa Bryant from WBOC and Sue Corbett from the Miami Herald. The recipients are Okamoto, Melling and Gambia Gordon. The honorees are Fogelin and Henry Cole. All of the books will be on sale and the authors will be doing signings.

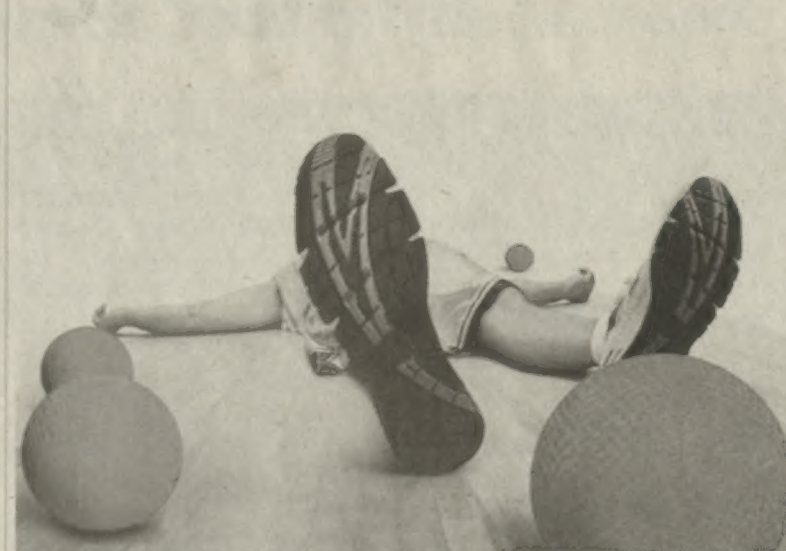
"I personally think everyone has a vested interest in the environment so everybody should learn more about ways that they can leave less of a footprint," said professor Laura Mancoske, an organizer of the events.

On April 3, there will be a continental breakfast at the Pyle Hill Mansion followed by receptions at the Wicomico Library with Okamoto and Fogelin, and at the Ward Museum with Melling and Gordon.

All of the events are open to the public and suitable for all ages. Anyone who is interested in teaching, literature, the environment and writing is encouraged to attend. All of the events, except the breakfast on Wednesday, are free of charge. SU will be selling food and beverages and all of the books will be available for purchase.

For more information, check out <http://www.salisbury.edu> and click on Children's Literature Festival.

## Club Spotlight Dodgeball



Internet photo

Dodgeball player passes out from too much fun.

By Kellie Madden  
Staff Writer

"If you're going to become true dodgeballers, then you've got to learn the five d's of dodgeball: dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge!"

Most recognize this quote from the popular 2004 movie *Dodgeball*, which led to the increasing popularity of the actual game itself.

Are you looking for a fun, laidback activity on campus? Then the Dodgeball Club might be something to check out.

"I started the club when I was a freshman with some of my friends," said Jeremy Latimer, President of the Dodgeball Club. Latimer, now a senior, said that when he began the club, there were no other dodgeball teams or clubs that he was aware of on Salisbury's campus. Now that the sport has become more popular, there is also an intramural team at Salisbury as well, he added.

Latimer said anyone is welcome to play. "Whoever shows up is split in half and the two teams play each other," Latimer said. He added that the teams are switched up every week. "You could be on someone's team one week and not the next."

Latimer said they don't really keep track of who wins and loses the games; they just play for fun. He said some of the members of the club are also on the intramural team and participate in

dodgeball tournaments at Salisbury as well.

Latimer said if people have other obligations that night it's not a big deal if they don't show up. "People come whenever they can. It's very informal," he added.

During the beginning of the semester, Latimer said there is usually a big turnout and a lot more people show up. It dies down after the start of the semester, he said, and after that there are usually around 20 people that show up on a consistent basis.

Sophomore Jon Thiel said he likes the fact that the club is really laidback, and you can show up when you want. "I've played a few times and it's really fun," Thiel said.

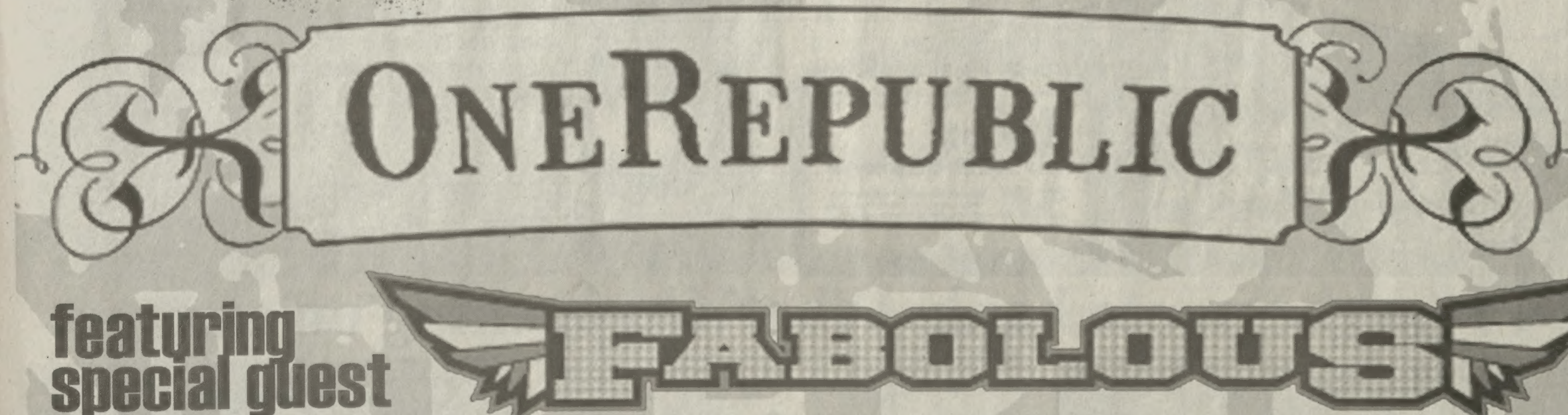
There are both male and female players that participate in the dodgeball games. "It's not the majority, but there are a handful of girls that do play," Latimer said.

The club meets every week on Thursday at 9 p.m. in Maggs Gym. Latimer said where they play in Maggs changes sometimes based on the schedule of other teams. The club meets every semester, with the first meeting usually the week after the student activities fair. During the first meeting rules are announced, which are basic dodgeball rules.

Latimer said if anyone misses the first meeting, they can just ask what the rules are whenever they show up to play.



Sarah Wright photo  
Lava erupts from the water fountain in front of Fulton Hall.



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## No. 8 Sea Gulls baseball continue to dominate, win four games last week

By Ben Muell  
Staff writer

The No. 8 Salisbury University baseball team (22-1, 8-0 CAC) continued their winning ways last week, winning all four games while out-scoring opponents 58-3. The four wins extend their winning streak to 22 games, which is currently the longest active winning streak in all college baseball.

Last Thursday the Gulls avenged their only loss of the season against a tough Virginia Wesleyan team. Freshman pitcher Dustin Herbert (6-

0) was brilliant as he breezed through eight innings, giving up five hits, allowing no runs and striking out seven. In the top of the sixth a throwing error allowed two Marlins' runners to advance to second and third with no outs. Herbert, then facing the heart of the order, struck out the next two batters and forced a weak ground ball to first to exit the inning unmarked. Sophomore first baseman Mike Celenza provided some fireworks in the bottom of the fifth inning as he blasted a two run bomb to right.

The Gulls, who beat Gallaudet early



First baseman Mike Celenza makes an easy out against Virginia Wesleyan last Thursday, March 27th.

in the week, took two more from them on Saturday. The Gulls had little trouble taking both games in seven innings, 12-0 and 19-0. In the first game freshman Alex Duda threw five shutout innings, allowing only one hit. Duda also fanned nine Gallaudet batters. He was relieved by J.D. Polcari and Michael Loomis, who only allowed two batters to reach base. The Gulls took advantage of sloppy play by Gallaudet. SU center fielder Jordan Crystal had a big game going 3-for-4 while driving in four and scoring once.

The second game followed the same tune. Salisbury had little trouble with

the Gallaudet pitching staff as they blasted 17 hits in what became a scoring carousel around the base path. The offense was highlighted by DH Mark Boschwitz who went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and scored four times. Andrew Miller went 3-for-3, scored twice and knocked in three runs. Randy Boyle went 2-for-3 with an RBI and scored twice.

The No. 8 Salisbury will be home Wednesday against St. Mary's and Friday against LaGrange. Saturday the Gulls will be on the road as they take on St. Mary's once again in a two game set.

## Salisbury softball off to perfect conference start

By Chris Brown  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University softball team



(16-6, CAC 4-0) scored 42 runs in four games and pushed there conference record to a perfect 4-0 this week. The Gulls defeated Wesley College on

Tuesday, 9-1 and 17-0. On Saturday the Gulls beat Villa Julie College by scores of 5-1 and 11-1 in their second double-header of the week. Both victories against Wesley were completed in five innings as Salisbury extended its winning streak to five in a row.

"The hitting is coming around, and we are playing better defense," coach Margie Knight said. On Saturday, Salisbury hitters torched Villa Julie pitcher Julianne Roper for 11 hits and eight runs in two games. "Defense is the name of the game unless you get someone who is striking out 15 a game," said Knight, whose team has won nine of their last 10 games. During the first game against VJC, the Gulls' defense bailed pitcher Stacy Davis out of a bases-loaded jam and in the second contest the improved play in the field

caused VJC hitters to strand 10 runners.

Davis improved to 9-4 on the season after complete game victories against both conference opponents. Senior Kortni Pedlow moved to 5-1 as both pitchers combined to allow three runs in four contests.

For the week, sophomore Kelly Waskewicz went 9-for-11 at the plate with three home runs and eight RBIs. In game two against Wesley, Waskewicz stole two bases and had four RBIs behind a triple and a two-run homer.

Salisbury is 16-6 on the season and sports a home record of 11-3. "We like to make the most of our home field advantage," Knight said. The Gulls host Catholic on March 31 before road games against Gallaudet and Mary Washington.

Andrew Baker photo

"The hitting is coming around, and we are playing better defense," coach Margie Knight said. SU defeats Wesley twice in same day.

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## 4th Annual Building Bridges: Islam Awareness Week

### March 31-April 4



**Prince Among Slaves**



**Dan Mekled**



**Nicole Corrieri**

#### Monday, March 31

Noon-2 p.m.

Islamic Literature Table • Commons

7 p.m.

Screening *Prince Among Slaves* • Henson Science Hall 103

#### Tuesday, April 1

Noon-2 p.m.

Islamic Literature Table • Commons

7 p.m.

Muslim Heritage in the 21st Century  
With Dan Mekled • Caruthers Auditorium

#### Wednesday, April 2

Noon-2 p.m.

Islamic Literature Table • Commons

Noon-2 p.m.

Islam 101 with Q & A Session  
Nanticoke Room, Guerrieri University Center

#### Thursday, April 3

Noon-2 p.m.

Islamic Literature Table • Commons

3:30 p.m.

Muslim Family Dynamics and panel discussion  
With Nicole Corrieri • Caruthers Hall Auditorium

7 p.m.

Islamic Family Values  
With Nicole Corrieri • Holloway Hall, Great Hall  
Closing reception immediately following in Social Room

#### Friday, April 4

1:30 p.m.

Congregational Prayer  
Spirituality Room, Guerrieri University Center

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Tuesday-4/1	Wednesday-4/2	Thursday-4/3	Friday-4/4	Saturday-4/5	Sunday-4/6	Monday-4/7
3 p.m. Softball @ Gallaudet	2:30 p.m. Baseball vs. St. Mary's		9 a.m. Track & Field @ Duke University Invitational	9 a.m. Track & Field @ Duke University Invitational	12 p.m. Softball @ Mary Washington	2:30 p.m. Baseball vs. Wesley
6 p.m. Women's Lacrosse vs. Ursinus			2 p.m. Baseball vs. LaGrange	10 a.m. Men's Tennis @ The College of New Jersey 10 a.m. Women's Tennis @ The College of New Jersey Noon Baseball @ St. Mary's 2 p.m. Men's Lacrosse @ Villa Julie 2 p.m. Women's Lacrosse @ St. Mary's	1 p.m. Men's Tennis @ Haverford 4 p.m. Women's Tennis @ Mary Washington	